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### First Committee

Agenda item 73 (b)

### General and complete disarmament: prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes

Nigeria:\* draft resolution

### Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* resolutions CM/Res.1153 (XLVIII) of 1988<sup>1</sup> and CM/Res.1225 (L) of 1989,<sup>2</sup> adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, concerning the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa,

*Welcoming* resolution GC(XXXIV)/RES/530 establishing a Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste, adopted on 21 September 1990 by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirty-fourth regular session,<sup>3</sup>

*Taking note* of the commitment by the participants in the Summit on Nuclear Safety and Security, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 April 1996, to ban the dumping at sea of radioactive wastes,<sup>4</sup>

*Considering* its resolution 2602 C (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, in which it requested the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,<sup>5</sup> *inter alia*, to consider effective methods of control against the use of radiological methods of warfare,

\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

<sup>1</sup> See A/43/398, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> See A/44/603, annex I.

<sup>3</sup> See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, Thirty-fourth Regular Session, 17-21 September 1990* (GC(XXXIV)/RESOLUTIONS (1990)).

<sup>4</sup> A/51/131, annex I, para. 20.

<sup>5</sup> The Conference of the Committee on Disarmament became the Committee on Disarmament as from the tenth special session of the General Assembly. The Committee on Disarmament was redesignated the Conference on Disarmament as from 7 February 1984.



*Aware* of the potential hazards underlying any use of radioactive wastes that would constitute radiological warfare and its implications for regional and international security, in particular for the security of developing countries,

*Recalling* all its resolutions on the matter since its forty-third session in 1988, including its resolution 51/45 J of 10 December 1996,

*Also recalling* resolution GC(45)/RES/10 adopted by consensus on 21 September 2001 by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its forty-fifth regular session,<sup>6</sup> in which States shipping radioactive materials are invited to provide, as appropriate, assurances to concerned States, upon their request, that the national regulations of the shipping State take into account the Agency's transport regulations and to provide them with relevant information relating to the shipment of such materials; the information provided should in no case be contradictory to the measures of physical security and safety,

*Welcoming* the adoption at Vienna, on 5 September 1997, of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management,<sup>7</sup> as recommended by the participants at the Summit on Nuclear Safety and Security,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management entered into force on 18 June 2001,

*Noting also* the convening of the first Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Joint Convention, to be held in Vienna from 3 to 14 November 2003,

*Desirous* of promoting the implementation of paragraph 76 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>8</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament,

1. *Takes note* of the part of the report of the Conference on Disarmament relating to a future convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons;<sup>9</sup>
2. *Expresses grave concern* regarding any use of nuclear wastes that would constitute radiological warfare and have grave implications for the national security of all States;
3. *Calls upon* all States to take appropriate measures with a view to preventing any dumping of nuclear or radioactive wastes that would infringe upon the sovereignty of States;
4. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to take into account, in the negotiations for a convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons, radioactive wastes as part of the scope of such a convention;

<sup>6</sup> See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, Forty-fifth Regular Session, 17-21 September 2001* (GC(45)/RES/DEC(2001)).

<sup>7</sup> See GOV/INF/821-GC(41)/INF/12, appendix I.

<sup>8</sup> Resolution 5-10/2.

<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/54/27), chap. III, sect. E.

5. *Also requests* the Conference on Disarmament to intensify efforts towards an early conclusion of such a convention and to include in its report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session the progress recorded in the negotiations on this subject;

6. *Takes note* of resolution CM/Res.1356 (LIV) of 1991, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity,<sup>10</sup> on the Bamako Convention on the Ban on the Import of Hazardous Wastes into Africa and on the Control of Their Transboundary Movements within Africa;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the effective implementation of the International Atomic Energy Agency Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste will enhance the protection of all States from the dumping of radioactive wastes on their territories;

8. *Appeals* to all Member States that have not yet taken the necessary steps to become party to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management<sup>7</sup> to do so as soon as possible;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes".

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<sup>10</sup> See A/46/390, annex I.



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Agenda item 74 (d)

**Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa**

**Nigeria: \* draft resolution**

### **United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the provisions of Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations stipulating that a function of the General Assembly is to consider the general principles of cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, including the principles governing disarmament and arms limitation,

*Recalling* its resolutions 40/151 G of 16 December 1985, 41/60 D of 3 December 1986, 42/39 J of 30 November 1987 and 43/76 D of 7 December 1988 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, and its resolutions 46/36 F of 6 December 1991 and 47/52 G of 9 December 1992 on regional disarmament, including confidence-building measures,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 48/76 E of 16 December 1993, 49/76 D of 15 December 1994, 50/71 C of 12 December 1995, 51/46 E of 10 December 1996, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 53/78 C of 4 December 1998, 54/55 B of 1 December 1999, 55/34 D of 20 November 2000, 56/25 D of 29 November 2001 and 57/91 of 22 November 2002,

*Aware* of the widespread support for the revitalization of the Regional Centre and the important role that the Centre can play in the present context in promoting confidence-building and arms-limitation measures at the regional level, thereby promoting progress in the area of sustainable development,

\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.



*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> that the Centre has received an increasing number of requests from Member States in the African region for substantive support for several peace initiatives and conflict resolution activities in the region,

*Taking note also* of the report by the Secretary-General<sup>2</sup> that very limited financial contributions were made to the Centre despite continued fund-raising efforts,

*Concerned* that the continued financial difficulties faced by the Centre have impaired its ability to realize its full potential and to fulfil its mandate adequately,

*Bearing in mind* the efforts undertaken in the framework of the revitalization of the activities of the Regional Centre for the mobilization of the resources necessary for its operational costs,

*Taking into account* the need to establish close cooperation between the Regional Centre and the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution of the African Union, in conformity with the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held at Algiers from 12 to 14 July 1999,<sup>3</sup>

*Welcoming* the adoption by consensus of the report of the United Nations First Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York from 7 to 11 July 2003,<sup>4</sup>

1. *Commends* the activities which the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa is continuing to carry out, in particular in support of the efforts made by the African States in the areas of peace and security;

2. *Reaffirms* its strong support for the revitalization of the Regional Centre, and emphasizes the need to provide it with the necessary resources to enable it to strengthen its activities and carry out its programmes;

3. *Appeals once again* to all States, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions in order to strengthen the programmes and activities of the Regional Centre and facilitate their implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary support to the Regional Centre for better achievements and results;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate close cooperation between the Regional Centre and the African Union, in particular in the area of peace, security and development, and to continue to assist the Director of the Regional Centre in his efforts to stabilize the financial situation of the Centre and revitalize its activities;

<sup>1</sup> A/58/139.

<sup>2</sup> See A/58/139, para. 46.

<sup>3</sup> A/54/424, annex II, decision AHG/Dec.138 (XXXV). On 8 July 2002, the Organization of African Unity ceased to exist and, in its place, the African Union came into force on 9 July 2002.

<sup>4</sup> A/CONF.192/BMS/2003/I.

6. *Appeals in particular* to the Regional Centre, in cooperation with the African Union, regional and subregional organizations and the African States, to take steps to promote the consistent implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;<sup>5</sup>

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa".

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<sup>5</sup> See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects*, New York, 9-20 July 2001 (A/CONF.192/15), para. 24.



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Agenda item 73 (k)

**General and complete disarmament: establishment  
of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia**

**Uzbekistan: draft decision**

### **Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia**

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, recalling its resolution 57/69 of 22 November 2002, decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia".





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**First Committee**

Agenda item 73

**General and complete disarmament**

**United States of America: draft resolution**

### **Enhancing the contribution of the First Committee to the maintenance of international peace and security**

*The General Assembly,*

*Expressing grave concern* at the emergence of new threats to international peace and security in the post-September 11, 2001 period,

*Affirming* the continuing importance of the contribution of the First (Disarmament and International Security) Committee to the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Convinced* that a review by Member States of the focus, priorities and mode of operation of the First Committee could enhance its ability to address these new threats more effectively,

*Noting* in this regard the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change",<sup>1</sup> as well as General Assembly resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 on this subject, and seeking to contribute to this effort,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to seek the views of Member States on the issue of improving the effectiveness of the First Committee, prepare a report recommending appropriate options, and submit it for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled, "Enhancing the contribution of the First Committee to the maintenance of international peace and security".

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<sup>1</sup> A/57/387 and Corr.1.





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Agenda item 73 (i)

**General and complete disarmament: national legislation  
on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use  
goods and technology**

**The Netherlands: draft resolution**

### **National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation are essential for the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Convinced* that effective national control of transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, including those transfers that could contribute to proliferation activities, is an important tool for achieving those objectives,

*Recalling* that the States parties to the international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties have undertaken to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of materials, equipment and technological information for peaceful purposes, in accordance with the provisions of those treaties,

*Considering* that the exchange of national legislation, regulations and procedures on the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology contributes to mutual understanding and confidence among Member States,

*Convinced* that such an exchange would be beneficial to Member States that are in the process of developing such legislation,

*Reaffirming* the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Invites* Member States that are in a position to do so to enact or improve national legislation, regulations and procedures to exercise effective control over the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, while



ensuring that such legislation, regulations and procedures are consistent with the obligations of States parties under international treaties;

2. *Encourages* Member States to provide, on a voluntary basis, information to the Secretary-General on their national legislation, regulations and procedures on the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, as well as the changes therein, and requests the Secretary-General to make this information accessible for Member States;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology".



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*Agenda item 73 (f)*

*General and complete disarmament: national legislation on  
transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods  
and technology*

*The Netherlands: revised draft resolution*

### **National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation are essential for the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Recalling* that effective national control of transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, including those transfers that could contribute to proliferation activities, is an important tool for achieving those objectives,

*Recalling* that the States parties to the international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties have undertaken to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of materials, equipment and technological information for peaceful purposes, in accordance with the provisions of those treaties,

*Considering* that the exchange of national legislation, regulations and procedures on the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology contributes to mutual understanding and confidence among Member States,

*Convinced* that such an exchange would be beneficial to Member States that are in the process of developing such legislation,

*Reaffirming* the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Invites* Member States that are in a position to do so to enact or improve national legislation, regulations and procedures to exercise effective control over the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, while ensuring that such legislation, regulations and procedures are consistent with the obligations of States parties under international treaties;



2. *Encourages* Member States to provide, on a voluntary basis, information to the Secretary-General on their national legislation, regulations and procedures on the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, as well as the changes therein, and requests the Secretary-General to make this information accessible for Member States;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology".



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### Fifty-eighth session

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Agenda item 73 (u)

### General and complete disarmament: consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

#### Germany: draft decision

#### Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/45 N of 10 December 1996, 52/38 G of 9 December 1997, 53/77 M of 4 December 1998, 54/54 H of 1 December 1999, 55/33 G of 20 November 2000, 56/24 P of 29 November 2001 and 57/81 of 22 November 2002, entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures",

*Taking note* of the Secretary-General's consolidated report on small arms including consideration of the implementation of practical disarmament measures, submitted pursuant to its resolution 57/81,<sup>1</sup>

*Also taking into consideration* the work of the group of interested States in this regard,

1. *Decides* to defer consideration of agenda item 73 (u), entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures", to its fifty-ninth session and to consider it biennially in the future;

2. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures".

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<sup>1</sup> A/58/207.





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Agenda item 73

General and complete disarmament

**Pakistan: draft resolution**

### **Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context**

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling its resolution 57/337 of 3 July 2003 entitled "Prevention of armed conflict", in which it calls upon Member States to settle their disputes by peaceful means, as set out in Chapter VI of the Charter, inter alia, by any procedures adopted by the parties, including the most effective use of the International Court of Justice,*

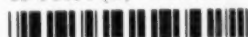
*Recalling the Security Council resolutions relating to the prevention of armed conflict, and noting all Security Council presidential statements related to this matter,*

*Considering the importance and effectiveness of confidence-building measures taken at the initiative and with the participation of all States concerned, and taking into account the specific characteristics of each region, since such measures can contribute to regional stability,*

*Convinced that resources released by disarmament, including regional disarmament, can be devoted to economic and social development and to the protection of the environment for the benefit of all peoples, in particular those of the developing countries,*

*Recognizing the need for meaningful dialogue in the regions of tension to avert conflict,*

*Welcoming the peace processes already initiated by regions to resolve their disputes through peaceful means bilaterally or through mediation by third parties, regional organizations or the United Nations,*



*Recognizing* that some regions have already taken steps towards confidence-building measures at the bilateral, subregional and regional levels in the political and military fields, including arms control and disarmament, and noting that such measures have immensely improved peace and security in those regions and have resulted in rapid progress in the socio-economic conditions of their people,

*Concerned* that the continuation of disputes among States, particularly in the absence of an effective mechanism to resolve them through peaceful means, may contribute to the arms race and endanger the maintenance of international peace and security and the efforts of the international community to promote arms control and disarmament,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force in the settlement of disputes;

2. *Reaffirms* its commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes under Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations, which calls for the peaceful settlement of disputes, in particular Article 33, which provides for a solution by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or arrangements or other peaceful means chosen by the parties;

3. *Calls upon* Member States that have not already done so to open consultations and dialogue in the regions of tension and conflict without preconditions;

4. *Urges* strict compliance with bilateral, regional and international arms control and disarmament agreements to which the contending States are parties;

5. *Urges also*, in the context of confidence-building measures, the maintenance of military balance between States in the regions of tension and conflict in the acquisition, development and deployment of conventional and strategic weapon systems;

6. *Encourages* the promotion of bilateral and regional confidence-building measures to avoid conflict and prevent the unintended and accidental outbreak of hostilities;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the States of the regions concerned in order to ascertain their views on the issue and to promote consultations among them with a view to exploring the best possibilities for furthering efforts towards confidence-building measures in the regions of tensions;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context".